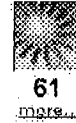


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## News

### Edmondson makes campaign stop in Guymon

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Oklahoma's Democratic Attorney General Drew Edmondson said he would announce later this week there will be a statewide criminal tracking system for victims to follow criminals in the area.



Shawn Yorks/The Guymon Daily Herald — Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson, right, with wife, Linda, were in Guymon on Tuesday.

The system was set up through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

"It's in 19 states total and Oklahoma will be a total system," Edmondson said. "It's in a number of other states where it's localized, one county or one major city. Tulsa had it before we went forward with a statewide system."

The Victim Identification Notification Everyday system allows people to go online and look up a criminal and find out where they are and exactly what is happening to them such as if they are being moved to another facility or being released.

A victim or people close to a crime victim can also enter their information on the web site and find out by phone anytime the criminal moves from one facility to another, anytime the person is up for parole or anytime the person is being released.

"It's a great comfort to victims to be able to know that they will be advised about those steps in the process," Edmondson said.

The VINE system should be up and running next week.

Edmondson made stops in Guymon, Boise City and Beaver to kick-off his re-election campaign.

Edmondson announced last month that he would seek re-election for a fourth term. He was first elected in 1994 and had no opposition in his 1998 election.

This year Edmondson is running against Republican James Dunn who is the only declared Republican in July's Republican Primary one week before the



candidate filing deadline.

"I think having an opponent is probably a healthy thing," Edmondson said. "I think we've got a good message and I think I and my office have compiled a good record over the last 12 years."

The Panhandle was the first stop in his 77-county tour which should be completed around the first week of September.

Today Edmondson will be in Harper and Woodward counties.

This is the fourth time Edmondson has done his 77-county tour.

He also did the 77 county tour in 1997 to personally deliver posters about filing false liens but did not do so to campaign because he was unopposed in his 1998 election.

Most of the litigation he is involved in has no effect on Guymon and he said he sees nothing in the future that could effect Guymon or the Panhandle.

"I don't know of any litigation that would involve this area," Edmondson said.

There is litigation against poultry companies in Eastern Oklahoma and Arkansas with the largest company being the Tyson Foods Plant in Arkansas.

The litigation is how companies spread manure. Edmondson contends these companies are dumping manure, not using it as fertilizer.

"It's an excellent fertilizer," Edmondson said. "To the extent it is needed as fertilizer it should be applied. But if you put down all that the plant needs and continue to put it down, then you're not fertilizing, you're dumping and it's going to end up in the water. That's what we've alleged."

The poultry litigation is expected to go to trial in January of 2008. Edmondson said right now they are in the investigation phase.

"This lawsuit is specific to the Illinois River Watershed," Edmondson said. "So this lawsuit wouldn't effect Western Oklahoma at all."

Dunn accused Edmondson's administration as being one of the most corrupt administrations in Oklahoma history. Edmondson continued to refute that Tuesday.

"I think the people of Texas County are as interested as the people of Oklahoma County or Tulsa County in good government and making sure that government is clean, is honest, that their tax dollars are spent without fraud or corruption, and over the last 12 years we've worked very hard to make sure that that's certain," Edmondson said. "We've cleaned up scandals in the health department, the corporation commission and the insurance department and we'll continue to try to make sure that government runs cleanly."

The Oklahoma Primaries are July 25. The general election is Nov. 8.

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